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1. The Rumanian Textile Industry is administered by the Ministry of Light Industry and includes approximately 170 textile mills engaged in various phases of textile manufacture. A breakdown of these mills according to type is as follows:

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- 20 cotton cording mills,
- 30 flax retting mills,
- 10 cotton thread spinning mills, and
- 110 (approximately) textile weaving mills.

2. The 10 cotton thread spinning mills are as follows:

- a. The "OLGA BALCHIK", in FUCIOASA.
- b. The "FILATURA 30 DECEMBRIE", (formerly I.T.A. or Intreprinderile Textile, ARAD), in ARAD. This mill spins cotton thread and weaves cotton yard goods.
- c. The "DAMBROVITSA" or "7 NOVEMBRIE", in BUCHAREST. This mill also, both spins cotton thread and weaves cotton yard goods. The mill was formerly owned by one (FNU) DIYARBEKIRYAN.
- d. The "SOCIETATEA INDUSTRIALA TEXTILA", in BUCHAREST. Both a cotton thread spinning and cotton yard good weaving mill.
- e. The "NOUA FILATURA DE BUMBAC", in BUCHAREST.
- f. The "FILIMON SARBU", in GALATI.
- g. A mill in IASHI
- h. A mill in "BUTASHANI".
- i. A mill in MEDIASH.

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j. The "FILATURA GAVANA", in PITESHTI.

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**COMMENT:** Attention is invited to that fact that Informant makes no reference to wool, woollens, rayons and other textiles in his breakdown of textile plants. It is possible that at least part of the 110 weaving mills are wool or other type of textile weaving plants [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] overlooked the wool end of the industry in giving the details of Rumania's textile industry.

B. The "OLGA BALCHIK" Cotton Thread Spinning Mill in PUCIOASA.

1. The "OLGA BALCHIK" mill is a Second Category Textile Factory employing 1,500 laborers (approximately) and some 70 administrative personnel. (NOTE: Informant gave no additional information concerning this division of factories into categories beyond stating that the pay of factory employees was dependent on the category of the factory and the nature of the job, and that seniority or title had no bearing on the rate of pay. For example, as head bookkeeper at the "OLGA BALCHIK" [REDACTED])

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2. The plant was formerly owned and operated by one (FNU) CASSASUVICI, a "textile professor", but it has been nationalized and is now operated by the State. \* He is assisted by Vasil CUIKINA an engineer in charge of the technical details of the operations of the plant. The salary of each is 28,000 Lei, per month.

3. This mill spins 20 % of the cotton thread manufactured in Rumania. The raw material, (2,000 tons of cotton a year) is partly grown in Rumania and partly imported from the U.S.S.R., Pakistan and Egypt. Of the 2,000 tons of cotton used 90% ends up as cotton thread and roughly 10% is waste. The finished thread is allocated to the various textile mills in accordance to a master plan prepared by the Ministry of Light Industry. This master plan must be followed without exception.

4. The labor force of 1,500 is composed of 2 categories of workers: those paid by the hour and those paid on piece work basis. Those paid on piece work basis are the older workers, and they can earn as much as 6,000 Lei a month. Those paid by the hour earn no more than 4,000 Lei a month.

5. The mill operates around the clock in 3 8-hour shifts.

6. The mill operates a canteen where one meal is served during each 8-hour shift. The price of this meal is 25 Lei. In addition, the mill operates a free hospital and a children's nursery and furnishes free medical and dental care. However, in spite of all these "benefits" the workers have difficulty in making ends meet. The Labor Union runs 3 compulsory meetings a week. Inasmuch as each of these meetings last at least 3 hours they have become an additional and heavy strain on the already overworked, underpaid and underfed workers.

\* The new director of the mill is one Layosh KOLOMAN, formerly a factory laborer.

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As a result, Informant estimates that most of the workers are against the present Rumanian Communist regime.

6. The "PRAHLVA NOUA" Linen Thread Spinning Mill near PLOESHTI.

1. A Fifth Category Textile Mill 5 kms. distant from PLOESHTI on the PLOESHTI- VALENI- DE- MUNTE highway employing about 200 workers. (No other information available.)

D. Miscellaneous General Information

1. At the end of 1951 a new Labor law was put into effect in Rumania. One of the provisions of this law is that no worker may leave his job or change his job of his own free will, but must obtain permission from the authorities for making such a move.

2. Purges are continuously being carried out throughout Rumania. A former lawyer, one Viktor ALBATEANU who was employed as a day laborer by the "SIGA BALCHIK" textile plant in 1950 was discharged during one such purge because it was found that he formerly had been engaged in politics in PITESHTI and had been wealthy.

3. Minister of Light Industry is one (FNU) SENKOVICH, a Jew.

4. "Chief of the Financial Service"(sic) is one (FNU) BLANK, also a Jew. Some of his assistants are Moiseanu LEVON, (FNU) PITURU and (FNU) WEIS, all of them Jews.

5. "Advisers to the Minister"(Ministry not given) are one (FNU) ZUPERMAN and (FNU) KLEIN, both Jews.

E. Miscellaneous Military Information:

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3. Lately a number of former Army Officers who had been discharged from the service when the Communists came into power have been re-called to active duty. Among them, one Stefan POENARU, a former Colonel who was employed as a day laborer in a factory, was re-called and is now reinstated permanently in the Army. Others have been ordered to temporary active duty, during which they attended special two month refresher courses. Another factory employee, formerly a lawyer, one Calin DAIA\* was one of those called up for such a two month refresher course. However, to date the majority of those called up were used on various construction projects and they were not issued weapons nor did they train with weapons.

4. New Military Service Record cards are being issued to replace the old ones. These new cards also include the holders "social, intellectual and political standings" (sic) and their assignments are based on this data. (Specific information unavailable.)

5. Military service lasts 24 months and during that period no leaves are given.

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